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Jerkwater is a term known outside of Nebraska, I did not create it, I did not coin it, it's in the dictionary, it is race-neutral, it just refers to little towns that are remote and insignificant. And those who have been trying to get prisons acknowledge that themselves, their economies are failing, their main streets are drying up, and they need the prison to bail them out, and nothing can be so tragic or pathetic as a town or a society saying, you've got to give us cages in which you lock human beings in order for us to have a good standard or living. That's all I'll say on this bill.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. Since we're engaged in an educational exercise this morning and I'm sure that Senator Chambers is aware of this, but Senator Willhoft provided me with a pocket edition of Webster's Second New Riverside... New Riverside, by the way, Dictionary. for those who are wondering, ground water is that water under the surface of the earth that feeds springs and wells. sure that I have been well-educated this morning. And, Senator Chambers, he is so engaged, it's amazing what conversation will I happen to come from a jerkwater town, Senator Chambers, and I am so old. How old am I? I am so old that I steam trains and the little water tower in each of the villages. Without the jerkwater towns, where they jerked down the spout and filled the boiler, civilization as we know it would not have existed, because the trains could have only ran to the first nonjerkwater town, and there they would have stopped. So, thank you for again bringing the history lesson to all of the people of the state of Nebraska over the value that jerkwater towns have played upon the development of the country. Thank you. sir.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Before we move to the vote, Senator Janssen is pleased to announce that he has the following guest visiting the Legislature this morning, they are Troy Swier, Mary Goodwin, Debbie Graff, all from Fremont. They're sitting under the south balcony. Would you please rise and be recognized by your Legislature. Welcome. Senator Crosby also has and would like to recognize the doctor of the day, Andy Luther, from Lincoln. He's sitting under the north balcony. Doctor, would you please